

## NEWS BRIEFS

### Doughnut sale

Orders are due today for the Krispy Kreme doughnut sale March 22. This sale is in support of the Air Force Enlisted Foundation. Call Ext 2073 or 2296.

### Case lot sale

The commissary is having a case lot sale from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. Saturday. Call Ext. 7109.

### Canned food drive

The company grade officer council is having a canned food drive through March 30. Cans can be placed in the designated box in each building. Call Ext. 2781.

### Officer promotion board

The calendar 2002B Captain (Line of the Air Force and Judge Advocate General) Central Selection Board is tentatively scheduled for June 10 at the Air Force Personnel Center.

To be eligible, officers must be first lieutenants and meet the following eligibility criteria:

- For LAF:
- ❑ Above-the-Promotion Zone: Must have a date of rank of Dec. 31, 2000 or earlier with a previous nonselection.
  - ❑ In-the-Promotion Zone: Must have a DOR of Jan. 1, 2001 through Dec. 31, 2001. Call Ext. 2575.

### Temporary duty

Retiring Air Force people who used their permissive temporary duty and then were placed on hold due to stop loss may apply for a second permissive TDY.

This entitlement is granted on a case by case basis. Applications may be made through the separations office in the military personnel flight, Bldg. 926. Call Ext. 2599.

Mission Report	
As of Wednesday	
<b>T-37</b>	
Goal: 1,287	
Flown: 1,282	
<b>T-1A</b>	<b>T-38</b>
Goal: 1,144.0 hrs.	Goal: 707
Flown: 1,076.9 hrs.	Flown: 696

## Watch supervisor wins AETC award

Senior Airman Amanda Mills  
Editor

A Columbus AFB master sergeant won the Air Education and Training Command Watch Supervisor of the Year award.

Master Sgt. Tony Smith, 14th Operations Support Squadron, was notified March 4 and will now move on and compete for the honor at Air Force level.

“It’s a chance of a lifetime [to compete at the Air Force level],” Smith said. “I’ve been doing this for 18 years and there is never a dull moment.”

Smith said he is thankful, but knows he didn’t win the award by himself. “It feels good knowing the hard work and dedication pays off. I try to lead by example; I wouldn’t ask anything of my troops that I wouldn’t do myself. But if it were not for the airmen that work for me, this would not have happened.”

Master Sgt. Carl Smith, 14th OSS tower chief controller, said he submitted Tony Smith for the award because of his performance through the year. “Outstanding supervision ensured his crew of predominately first-term airmen provided safe and efficient air traffic control services to the wing,” Carl Smith said. He also said Tony Smith’s mentoring and recognizing subordinates’ performance as well his ability to manage training new tower controllers for the wing and Air Force was exceptional.

Carl Smith said he felt great when Tony Smith received the notification. “I was proud to know him, proud to be a part of the facility he worked at and very happy he was recognized for his work.”

Throughout the year, Tony Smith oversaw more than 80 in-flight or ground emergencies from emergency fuel to smoke in the cockpit, ensuring critical and stressful situations were safely controlled. He constructed an effective Local Area Knowledge training guide, an essential first-step training tool.

## ‘Black Hawk Down’ leader speaks at library

Staff Sgt. Kyle Ford  
Public affairs

The flight leader of the mission that was the basis for the movie and book “Black Hawk Down” spoke March 7 at the library.

Randy Jones, retired Army Chief Warrant Officer 5, spoke to a standing-room only crowd about his experience in Mogadishu, Somalia. Jones was one of the servicemembers who flew into the city on Oct. 3, 1993 for a 60-minute mission that lasted more than 14 hours.

Jones started by citing the books that were written about the incident, “Black Hawk Down” by Mark Bowden, a Philadelphia Inquirer staff writer, and “Mogadishu! Heroism and Tragedy” by Dr. Kent DeLong and Steven Tuckey.

He then went on to talk about the history and make-up of the 160th Aviation Battalion or Task Force 160, also called

the Night Stalkers. He spoke of the importance of the Night Stalker Creed to all the soldiers in the unit and how it shapes the lives of all who are chosen to fight with the 160th.

“This is why we do what we do,” Jones said as he scrolled the creed on the screen. “I can’t say any more than that.”

The Night Stalkers creed includes the phrases: “The mission and my precious cargo are my concern. I will never surrender. I will never leave a fallen comrade to fall into the hands of the enemy and under no circumstances will I ever embarrass my country ... I serve with the memory and pride of those who have gone before me, for they loved to fight, fought to win and would rather die than quit. Night Stalkers don’t quit!”

After speaking about his unit, Jones told the audience about the mission that turned into a rescue mission. The unit was supposed to go into the hostile area, enter



Senior Airman Amanda Mills

Master Sgt. Tony Smith takes notes from a pilot.

He also guided his team through a successful Air Traffic System Evaluation Program inspection, earning praise from the ATSEP team as a “highly qualified watch supervisor expertly managing daily operations.”

the Olympic Hotel, get the warlord and his cabinet and get out.

“We’d accomplished our mission and were ready to leave,” Jones said. “That’s when the helicopter got shot down and our mission turned into a rescue mission.”

Eighteen Americans and more than 500 Somalis lost their lives in the following battle.

“There are four opportunities to learn in every situation,” Jones said. In the planning stage, you learn from organizing the mission and finding possible problems. During the rehearsal stage, training takes place or a fake execution of the mission is performed. The execution stage is where the action takes place. “During our execution, the mission was over and someone got off a lucky shot. But, due to our training, we were able to flow into a rescue mission,” Jones said.

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The last learning opportunity is the after-action report. “This is not a time to be thinned,” Jones said. This is where people take a look at the mission and see what went wrong and what went right. “During this mission we lost two helicopters to lucky shots. The little bullet, big sky theory: it just so happens that the RPG [rocket propelled grenade] hit the helicopter in its most vulnerable spot, the tail rotor. But we effectively transitioned into a different mission.”

Before opening the floor to questions, Jones closed his briefing by telling the audience why he came to speak at Columbus AFB.

“I came to tell you about some great Americans,” Jones said. “Many of you in this room are tasked for the remainder of your careers to represent your country in the name of those who have gone before you. If you choose to honorably represent your brothers-in-arms you need to know yourself and your comrades before going into battle.

“You’ve been given a lot of training and opportunities, the Air Force is certainly the most high-tech of the services. Just as you’ve been given a lot, a lot more will be expected of you. Just remember to train as you fight, fight as you train, and fight to win.”

The question burning on the tongues of many was what he thought of the movie “Black Hawk

Down.”

“I was very happy with the way the movie was done,” Jones said. “It was an accurate portrayal of what really happened out there. There was no central ‘hero’ character, just a team doing what it was trained to do. And no obligatory love scene.”

A broad spectrum of people attended the briefing. Airman 1st Class Kimberly Lynch, 14th Operations Support Squadron, said that she was very impressed with it. “I like that he showed parts of video that were in combat and the documentary. It really helped me understand what it was like.”

“It was fantastic to get someone’s first hand experience of the action and what actually happened over there,” said Capt. Hunter McCadams, 48th Flying Training Squadron student pilot. “I also can appreciate it from the ops point of view, such as the learning opportunities. It was very applicable to what we do.”

After all the questions had been asked, Jones praised the members of the audience.

“The military is a magnet for people who are full of the ‘American Spirit.’ I know that I would be able to carry a conversation with everyone in this room because we all have something in common, the love for America,” Jones said. “The guidon is no longer in my hands, but I’m pleased with the hands I left it in.”

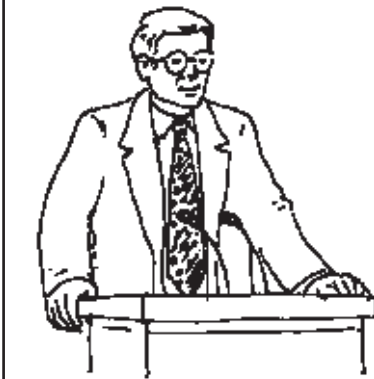
## Columbus AFB Spotlight

**Name:** Staff Sgt. John Dizonno, 14th Communications Squadron  
**Duty title:** NCOIC radar maintenance  
**Time on station:** 3 years and 4 months  
**Time in service:** 8 years  
**Hometown:** Omaha, Neb.  
**Previous bases:** Keesler AFB, Miss.  
**Hobbies:** Golfing, volleyball and softball  
**Activities/organizations:** Air Force Sergeants Association  
**Goals:** Short term — make technical sergeant; long term — get my bachelor’s degree in Electronic Systems Technologies  
**Favorite quote:** “Work smarter, not harder”



Senior Airman Amanda Mills

Staff Sgt. John Dizonno  
14th Communications Squadron,  
NCOIC radar maintenance



**Speakers are needed for the Columbus AFB Speaker’s Bureau. Anyone interested in speaking about the Air Force or their career field at civic clubs, career fairs, science fairs, elementary schools or high schools in the Golden Triangle area can come to the public affairs office and fill out an application. Call Ext. 7068.**



## Commander talks safety in Torch

**RANDOLPH AFB, Texas** — The commander of Air Education and Training Command shared his safety philosophy in the March issue of Torch magazine that hit the street recently.

Gen. Don Cook, featured in the cover article of the command’s monthly safety magazine, said the emphasis for conducting successful flying and ground safety programs must be on youth.

“By the nature of the command, the focus is youth,” the general said in an interview with Tim Barela, Torch editor. “The command flies nearly 600,000 hours a year, and most of the people who are doing that flying (young lieutenants) don’t wear wings. They are not bona fide pilots yet. Therefore, I’ve always said that we’re teaching pedestrians how to fly.”

Likewise, the command graduates nearly 40,000 basic military training troops each year, most of them teenagers.

“At that age we all thought we were bulletproof,” he said.

In the article, the general stressed it’s everyone’s responsibility to instill a safe lifestyle, including the peer group of the command’s young officer and enlisted force.

Peer pressure actually can be a good thing, the general said. If a group of peers is convinced that certain practices are unsafe, such as speeding, not wearing seat belts and drinking and driving, then those could turn into powerful mishap prevention tools.

To read the entire article, people should look for a copy of Torch in their units or can read the March issue on the Web at <http://www.aetc.randolph.af.mil/se2/torch/back/2002/0203/index.htm>.

Other articles in the March issue include:

- ❑ Information about dietary supplements and the dangers they pose.
- ❑ A profile of a basic trainee completing small arms training and the lessons that can benefit everyone who handles weapons.
- ❑ A feature about an F-15 pilot who survived a crash and his struggle to get back into the cockpit.

Torch magazine is the official safety magazine of AETC and is published by the AETC Directorate of Safety at Randolph. *(Courtesy of AETC News)*

## Quarterly assignments available

**AIR FORCE PERSONNEL CENTER** — The Enlisted Quarterly Assignment Listing for people returning from overseas during May through July will be available Monday.

Individuals need to work through their military personnel flights to update their preferences since the update process is not yet totally automated.

The deadline for updating assignment preferences is March 28. Airmen will be notified of their selection by April 5.

EQUAL advertises upcoming assignment requirements by Air Force Specialty Code and rank. Members are instructed to review, prioritize and list specifically their assignment preferences based on the EQUAL list.

People can view the lists from the AFPC home page at <http://afas.afpc.randolph.af.mil/enlisted/enlisted.htm> or at their MPF. Those on temporary duty during the advertising period can contact the nearest personnel office for assistance. *(Courtesy of AFPC News)*



# Regional CAP cadets compete for nationals

Staff Sgt. Kyle Ford  
Public affairs

Representatives from six Civil Air Patrol wings visited Columbus AFB Saturday to compete in the Southeast Regional CAP Color Guard Competition.

Members from Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Mississippi, Puerto Rico and Tennessee vied for the chance to go to the national honor guard competition at the Air Force Academy.

The cadets had to complete a mile run, an open-ranks inspection, an indoor flag presentation, a flagpole presentation, a standard drill competition and a written test.

Judging was done by volunteers from Columbus AFB, Airmen 1st Class Chris and Chawntain Young and Jamal Lofton, all with the 14th Operations Support Squadron.

“I like working with the kids and I thought it would be interesting,” Chawntain Young said. “It’s great to see young people with definite goals and hopefully we’ll turn them on to the Air Force.”

“I was in JROTC in high school in a small town, and I know what kind of impact these programs can have,” Lofton said. “I’m glad to have the opportunity to support these kids.”

Civil Air Patrol is an all-volunteer civilian auxiliary of the Air Force. “Our mission is represented by our three-bladed propeller on our patches — emergency services,



Staff Sgt. Kyle Ford

Civil Air Patrol Color Guard from Puerto Rico members Airman 1st Class Felix Ramos, Master Sgt. Carlos Kercado, Master Sgt. Luis Rivera and Senior Master Sgt. Thais Hernandes perform an indoor flag presentation.

cadet programs and aerospace education,” said CAP Col. Don Angel, Mississippi Wing commander. “We started out 60 years ago as a civilian air defense organization. Ironically, with President Bush’s new homeland defense plan, we’re back in the air defense business.

“This weekend is part of our cadet program. These young people are the future. They’ve worked hard to get here today and win, lose or draw all these cadets are

winner.”

This year, the Florida Wing earned the right to represent the CAP Southeast Region in the National Color Guard competition at the Air Force Academy.

“This year was the closest year we’ve ever had in judging,” said Lt. Col. George Comstock, CAP liaison. “The teams were separated by one point, so the winners were decided by their scores on the written test.”

## STAR BLAZER

Congratulations to Connie Lisowski, 14th Flying Training Wing historian. Lisowski’s 14th FTW History Program was given the 2001 Air Education and Training Command Award for Excellence in a Wing History Program.

### Air Force recruiter

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Lt. Col. John Davidson  
41st Flying Training Squadron commander

### What is your vision as commander?

My vision is to create better pilots for the Air Force. I plan to do this by achieving excellence by instilling a sense of ownership in every process at every level, by ensuring we execute the fundamentals well, by providing comprehensive support for every individual in the squadron and by steering the steady course and making the squadron better — better in our primary mission, a better team, and a better place for our people.

### What is your leadership philosophy?

I believe a leader is someone whom people follow through their own choice. It is important to let vision, strategies, goals and values be the guidepost for action and behavior rather than attempting to control others. I will strive to be involved — involvement cannot be delegated — and to lead by example and act as a role model.

I’m prepared to be accountable when things go wrong, and to share squadron achievements — even minor ones — and to give credit where credit is due. The important leadership areas where we are going to focus are: ownership, executing fundamentals, steering the steady course, thinking one level above and being part of the team.

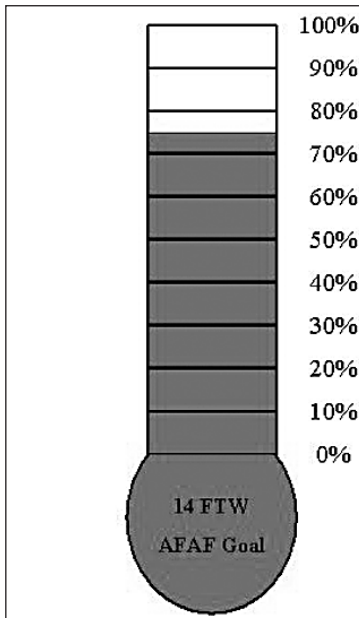
### What do you look forward to as this squadron’s commander?

I really look forward to leading a team — every member is vital to our success and to creating outstanding future aviators. In the end, when we look back at our achievements, it is the people that make it happen. I look forward to getting to know everyone, including families.

**Hometown:** Alexandria, Va.

**Spouse:** Kim

**Child:** Alexandra Lin, two and a half years old



## Air Force Assistance Fund progress — 75 percent

To contribute to the AFAF, see your unit representative

# Appointment ‘no-shows’ cause lost time, effort

Master Sgt. Brian Foster  
14th Civil Engineer Squadron



The “no-show” or “missed appointments” are two phrases that must be excluded from our vocabulary.

It is a person’s personal responsibility to make all scheduled appointments. The time, effort and ramifications associated with missed appointments are phenomenal.

First and foremost, the time lost due to a no-show can never be replaced.

The unit that scheduled an appointment had a block of time committed to a person and his or her needs; the absence caused them lost time, expended energy and finally, frustration.

The time lost included not only the appointment block, but also that time which the workcenter spent tracking the person down.

The flight or squadron to which the person is assigned will also lose time. A supervisor, first sergeant and squadron and group commanders will all expend time and energy chasing the “no-show.”

The energy expended starts with the notification through the work center’s chain of command and through a unit’s chain of command.

Phone calls, e-mails, missed appointment letters and Letters of Counseling are all the direct result of the appointment someone missed.

The immediate supervisor is usually the first person involved, followed closely by the flight

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chief, first sergeant or possibly the unit commander.

The supervisor must then begin by determining the facts behind the no-show, then must counsel the person and adjust work schedules to accommodate the rescheduled appointment. The supervisor will need to provide feedback through the flight chief concerning the missed appointment.

Next in the process will be the squadron commander and possibly the group commander. Squadron and group commanders are actively involved in this process; not only do they want to know the “why” and “how” behind a missed appointment, but they will then become involved in how to rectify the situation.

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A missed appointment for weapons qualification training will ultimately impact group mobility preparedness, and this area in particular is reported up through the air staff on a monthly basis.

The missed physical health assessment is tracked and reported by the 14th Medical Group; a missed appointment here is reflected in at least two assessment metrics, with squadron and group commanders briefed monthly. For those looking for attention, this is definitely one way to get your name known.

As outlined above, at least seven people have been involved since you missed the appointment. Considering the lost time, frustration and increased workload involved, it is no wonder the “no-show” is one of the most aggravating phrases in our military language.

All airmen have a personal responsibility to meet commitments. With all the modern technology available — computer databases that track appointments, pocket calendars, e-mail calendars, personal digital assistants and more, we really have no excuse for missing appointments.

Make a commitment to be there! Lets all work together to eliminate the “no-show.”

## STRAIGHT TALK LINE



Staff Sgt. Kyle Ford

Miranda Scott and 1st Lt. Steven Wolpert, 14th Civil Engineer Squadron environmental flight, test storm water with Col. Tom Quelly, 14th Flying Training Wing commander. Storm water management is an important part of the environmental program at Columbus AFB. Storm water runoff produced during rainfall events eventually returns to the groundwater, rivers, lakes and streams that serve as our nation’s drinking water supply. The environmental flight regularly samples storm water runoff from the base’s industrial areas to ensure that storm water leaving the base conforms to state and federal water quality standards.

*The Straight Talk Line is your direct line to the commander for comments and suggestions on how to make Columbus AFB a better place.*

*Although the Straight Talk Line is always available, the best way to resolve problems is through the chain of command.*

*The Straight Talk Line phone number is 434-7058. Callers should leave their full name and phone number to receive an answer. All names will be kept confidential.*

*Messages may be answered in the Silver Wings without names.*

*Written questions may also be brought to the public affairs office in the wing headquarters building, Bldg. 724. Questions and answers will be edited for brevity.*

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Civilian Personnel.....	434-2635
Clinic:	
Family Practice.....	434-2172
Appointment Desk.....	434-2273
After Hours Care.....	434-2273
Columbus Club.....	434-2489
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# Instructor pilot: No break for gender

**First Lt. Deirdre Gurry**  
37th Flying Training Squadron



This article was supposed to be about being a woman in the Air Force. I am sorry to say that I am unable to write about that topic, because in today’s Air Force there are no boundaries. I never experienced any roadblocks because I was a woman. Every opportunity I could ever wish for was available to me. I am thankful because the Air Force has given me everything I have ever wanted and then some.

My Air Force story is one driven by ambition, endured with hard work and sparked by jealousy. It all began in a small high school in Pennsylvania.

Neither of my parents attended college, so when the guidance counselor of my high school asked what I wanted to major in, my reply was “What’s a major?” I told the counselor I wanted to be a college teacher when he asked what I wanted to do with my life. It was obvious I really didn’t understand the process.

Then one day, an Air Force recruiter positioned

himself outside the cafeteria. One of my friends approached him and asked about something. I didn’t even know what she was asking for; it was like she was speaking a foreign language. The recruiter asked for her grade point average and SAT scores and once satisfied, handed her something from behind the table.

As we walked away, the jealousy began to take over. What was so special that you had to qualify to have one? I ran back down the stairs and didn’t even know what to ask for. “I want one of those things you just gave her.”

After the interrogation, I was handed a Reserve Officer Training Corps scholarship application. I said thank you and walked away. A whole new world had just opened up to me!

I applied for and accepted an ROTC scholarship and headed off that fall to Wilkes University in Pennsylvania to study Mechanical Engineering.

My first summer, I was sent to Vandenberg AFB, Calif., to shadow an officer for two weeks. My sophomore year, I was sent to Lackland AFB, Texas, for field training. After my junior year, I visited McClellan AFB, Calif., to work with air battle damage repair engineers for four weeks. Each of these

## FEATURE

## Phase III: Turning student pilots into military aviators

**Second Lt. Amy Hansen**  
Public affairs

*(Editor’s note: This is the last article in the pilot training series.)*

There’s not a parking space to be found. Lieutenants still in uniforms and spouses dressed to the nines stream into the club as the evening shadows descend on Columbus AFB. Hundreds of student pilots loiter in easy groups with custom-made glasses in hand. The faint odor of Friday afternoon flight suits wafts through the festive room.

The lights go dim. People jostle to find seats or a good view over the shoulders of other students where there is only room to stand. The first slide flashes onto the screen at the front of the room. An instructor pilot stands at the podium in a shaft of white light. The speakers in the ceiling rumble to life as he clears his throat and speaks into the microphone, “Welcome to assignment night!”

About fifty-two weeks after their first day, students at Columbus AFB celebrate the end of Specialized Undergraduate Pilot Training with this night of costumes and camaraderie. During the evening of general merriment, members of the class are called to the stage one at a time. They are made fun of and then surprised with their assignment location and the type of aircraft they will fly for the next three years. After each announcement, proud spouses and classmates swarm the stage to congratulate the student.

Arguably, the accolades are not really for where the students are going, but for what they have accomplished over their year at Columbus AFB. After the academics of Phase I and the basic flying in Phase II, the last hurdle is the advanced aviation systems and techniques of Phase III. “Phase three is a lot more



Tawnya Beeman

**Second Lt. Brent Reiss is congratulated by his classmates on his assignment to a C-130 at Little Rock AFB, Ark.**

oriented on flying when you get out of pilot training rather than on the basics,” said Second Lt. Derek Oakley, who recently completed the T-38 program. “You do a lot more fighter-related formation. You try to put guns on target.”

Despite the track a student pilot is awarded out of the T-37 in Phase II, the stress level in pilot training doesn’t decrease. Both the T-38 and the T-1 are intense programs with entirely new aircraft systems and academic coursework for the students. According to Oakley, the particular challenges of the T-38 program include the highly competitive nature of the other students and learning the student-instructor coordination necessary to fly in a tandem aircraft rather than one with side-by-side seats.

The T-1 program, on the other hand, is time and academics intensive. The systems manual, often called the “Dash One,” is close to six inches thick. “The T-1 is a systems intensive aircraft with all of the electronics we have on board,” said First Lt. Rozy Rosa-Miranda,

experiences opened my eyes a little wider to the world around me and what I was capable of.

Then one day that world burst open. All of the hard work that I had put in during ROTC had paid off. I was offered a pilot slot. I had taken all the tests and filled out all the paperwork, but never imagined that I would one day be shipped off to Columbus AFB for pilot training.

I started training in February of 2000. I was one of four girls in class 01-05. I could not have been happier. I was assigned to Dagger Flight in the 37th Flying Training Squadron and then went on to T-1 training in the 48th. As the year drew to a close I knew what I wanted to do next. I wanted to be a T-37 instructor.

It wasn’t until I was sent to pilot instructor training at Randolph AFB, Texas, that I realized how few women are in the pilot career field.

I was the only woman pilot in the squadron, but it took two months before I even noticed. I was held to the same standards and was shown the same respect as anyone else in the squadron.

My experiences are proof that there are no boundaries for women in the Air Force. As long as you know what you want and can work hard for it, there are no limits!

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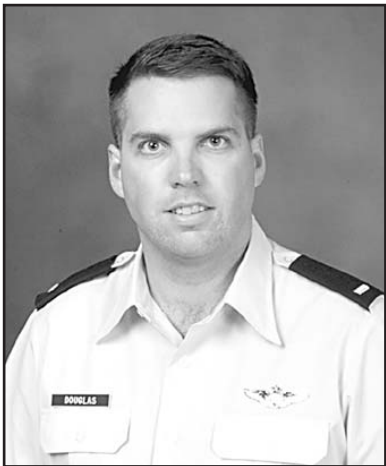
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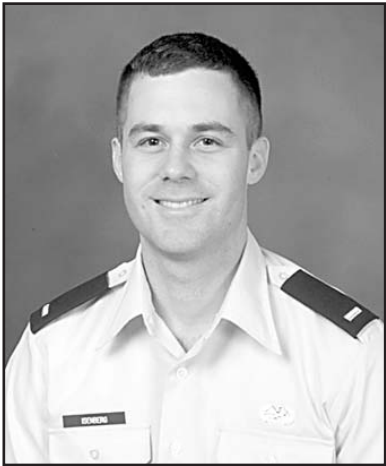
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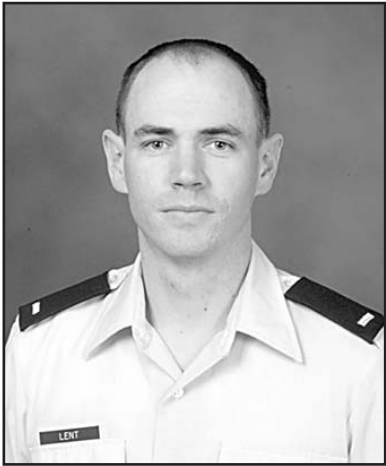
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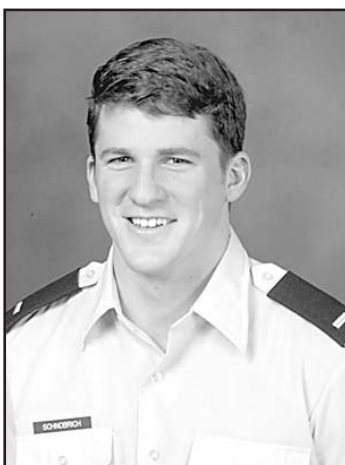
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**2nd Lt. Andrew Stockman**  
Monroeville, Ala.  
F-16, Luke AFB, Ariz.



**2nd Lt. Terje Stoneman**  
Peru, Ind.  
KC-135, Grand Forks AFB, N.D.



**2nd Lt. Amity Tipton**  
Niceville, Fla.  
E-3, Tinker AFB, Okla.

# SUPT Class 02-06 earn silver wings

Specialized Undergraduate Pilot Training Class 02-06 graduates at 10 a.m. today during a ceremony at the theater.

The graduation speaker is Lt. Gen. Brian Arnold. Arnold is commander of Space and Missile Systems Center, Air Force Space Command, Los Angeles AFB, Calif. He is the Air Force's designated acquisition commander for the Air Force Satellite Control Network, the Space Lift Ranges, the Defense Meteorological Satellite Program and the Space-Based Laser Program.

Students receive their silver pilot's wings at the ceremony, and students who excelled in their respective training tracks are recognized.

Second Lt. Daniel Arkema, T-38, and 2nd Lt. Brett Lent, T-1A, received the Air Education and Training Command Commander's Trophy for being the most outstanding students overall in their class.

Lieutenants Arkema and Lent also received the Flying Excellence Award for maintaining the highest flying averages in their flights.

Second Lt. David Roberts, T-38, and 1st Lt. Jason De Kruyf, T-1A, received the Academic Excellence Award for maintaining the highest academic averages in their flights.

First Lt. Troy Arnold, T-38, and 2nd Lt. Randal Douglas, T-1A, received the Military Training Award for demonstrating outstanding officer and leadership qualities.

The Air Force Association Award was presented to 2nd Lt. Peter Schnobrich, T-38, and Douglas. The award is presented to a graduate in each flight who excelled in training and typified the tenets of the association — promoting aerospace power and a strong national defense.

Lieutenants Arkema, Douglas and Lent were named distinguished graduates.

The 52-week pilot training program begins with a six-week pre-flight phase of academics and physiological training to prepare students for flight.

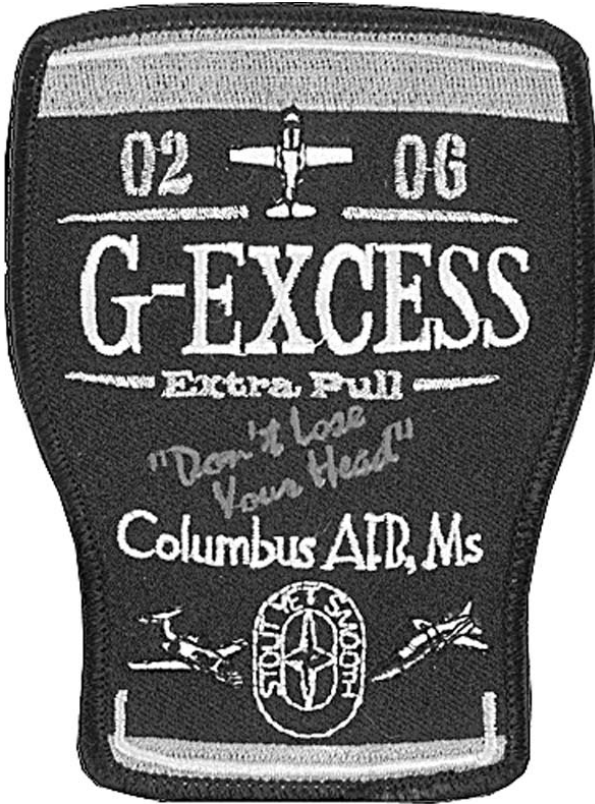
The second phase, primary training, is conducted in the twin-engine, subsonic T-37 Tweet. Students learn aircraft flight characteristics, emergency procedures, takeoff and landing procedures, aerobatics and formation flying. Students also practice night, instrument and cross country navigation flying. Primary training takes about 23 weeks and includes 254.4 hours of ground training, 27.3 hours in the flight simulator and 89 flying hours.

After primary training, students select, by order of merit, advanced training in the fighter or airlift-tanker-bomber track. Both tracks are designed to best train pilots for successful transition to their follow-on aircraft and mission.

Advanced training for the fighter-bomber track is done in the T-38 Talon, a tandem-seat twin-engine supersonic jet. T-38 training emphasizes formation, navigation and low-level navigation flying. Training takes about 26 weeks and includes 381 hours of ground events, 31.6 hours in the flight simulator and 118.7 flying hours. The airlift-tanker track uses the T-1A Jayhawk, the military version of a multi-engine business jet. Instruction centers on crew coordination and management in a multi-place crew aircraft.

Flight training includes visual and instrument transition, radar cell formation and simulated refueling and airdrop missions.

Training takes about 26 weeks and includes 185 hours of ground training, 43 hours in the flight simulator and 104 flying hours. The class reunites on graduation day, when students receive the aeronautical rating of pilot and begin their careers as U.S. Air Force pilots.







LaToya Marble and Linda Norman fill candy bags in preparation for Spring Fling.

# Spring Fling set for March 23

**Pam Wickham**  
Marketing Director

The youth center staff is gearing up for another Spring Fling featuring egg hunts and games from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. March 23 at Freedom Park.

“The program will kick off at 9 a.m. with the first egg hunt for ages 1 to 2 on field 1,” said Terri Graves, youth center director. Hunting times for the other age groups are ages 3 to 5 at 9:30 a.m. on field 2 and ages 6 to 8 at 10 a.m. on field 1. At 11:30 a.m. ages 9 to 10 will hunt on field 1 and ages 11 and older will hunt on field 2.

“Also scheduled are a martial arts demonstration at 10 a.m. and a dance demonstration at 10:30 a.m. in the pavilion,” added Graves.

Special guests throughout the day will be Sparky from the Fire Department, McGruff from Security Forces and the Easter Bunny. “Bring your camera!” advised Graves.

“Game booths will be open from 9 to 11 a.m.,” said Elisa Quintero, volunteer coordinator for the event. “Game booths include a duck pond, fishing pond, coke bottle ring toss, golf putt, bean bag throw, milk bottle game, bouncy castle, basketball shot and clothes pin drop.”

Volunteers are still needed to help hide eggs and to run the various game booths,” added Quintero.

Call the youth center at Ext. 2504 to

Friday Night at the Enlisted Lounge

March 15th

Bar Bingo - 5:30 p.m.

56 Numbers for \$500 (\$50 Consolation Prize)

“RANDOM PLAY” - Live Band

Playing from 7-9 p.m.

and DJ Maze from 9 p.m.-1 a.m.

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**Mongolian barbecue:** The Columbus Club’s Tuesday night buffet features a Mongolian barbecue from 5 to 7:30 p.m. Price is based on 95 cents per ounce of meat and all the vegetables you want. A vegetarian plate is available for \$3.95. Call Ext. 2489.
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**Need an oil change?:** The auto skills center now offers a oil/filter and lube change plus a full road inspection for just \$17.95 on most vehicles. Call Ext. 7842 for an appointment.
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**Dining facility special meals:** The Cardinal Inn Dining Facility is featuring a subsistence-in-kind appreciation meal Monday during dinner. Featured entrees are spaghetti with meat sauce, Southern fried chicken, grilled ribeye steak and fried shrimp. This month’s specialty meal is Thursday during lunch and features seafood entrees like creole scallops, fried shrimp, baked fish and fried oysters.
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**Chess players wanted:** The Air Force is seeking active duty military U.S. Chess Federation (USCF) registered chess players. Players can advance thru several stages of competition to become a member of the six-person Air Force chess team with possible selection to represent the United States at the NATO chess tournament. The Columbus AFB qualifying tournament will be held at 9 a.m. April 27 at the community center if there are enough interested applicants. Register by April 4 by calling Ext. 2502 or Ext. 2316. Rated applicants must supply their USCF member number.
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**Going out of business sale:** The skills development center is going out
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of the balloon business this month. Order a mylar balloon for 50% off or \$1.50 each. If you would just like to purchase the mylar balloons without helium, they are \$1.25 each. Call Ext. 7836.
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**Air Force teen aviation camp:** High school students who expect to graduate in 2004 or 2005 may apply for the Air Force teen aviation camp June 1 to 7 at the United States Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs, Colorado. This program is for eligible youth program users who are interested in attending the Air Force Academy or making the Air Force a career. Travel cost will be the student’s responsibility. All lodging, meals, and activity fees are free for the student. Interested teens should complete a Teen Aviation Camp Application Form and the Academy Familiarization Exam. Once completed, they should return the application and exam to the youth center and schedule an interview with the youth director. Packages must be received by March 29. The camp includes a ropes challenge course, orienteering course, T-37 simulator presentation and individual aero club flights. Stop by the center for the application package or call Ext. 2504.
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**Make a collapsible heart basket from wood:** The skills development center offers this 90-minute class anytime from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. March 21 and from 6:30 to 8 p.m. March 25. In this class you will learn to cut a basket out of wood using the band saw and planer. Cost is \$10 and includes supplies. Class is limited to three per class due to the limited amount of equipment. Special class dates and times can be arranged. Call Ext. 7836.

Columbus Club Lunch Buffet

Served from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Cost: \$4.95 for members and \$7.50 for nonmembers

Price includes vegetable of the day, salad and tea

Today

Fried Catfish

Popcorn Shrimp

Cherry Cobbler

Monday

Fried Chicken

Grilled Pork Chops

Peach Cobbler

Tuesday

Meat Loaf

Sweet and Sour Pork

Banana Pudding

Wednesday

Beef Tips with Rice

Chicken Cacciatore

Apple Cobbler

Thursday

Roast Pork Loin

Barbecued Brisket

Apple Dumplings

## AT THE CHAPEL

**Chapel schedule**  
**Catholic**  
**Sunday activities:**  
10:45 a.m. — CCD  
5 p.m. — Confessions  
5:30 p.m. — Mass  
**Friday**  
11:30 a.m. — Communion

**Protestant**  
**Sunday activities:**  
9:15 a.m. — Sunday school  
10:45 a.m. — Contemporary worship  
**Wednesdays**  
5:30 p.m. — Video Bible study supper  
7:15 p.m. — Choir rehearsal  
**Thursdays**  
11:30 a.m. — Lunch Bible study

For Islamic, Jewish or Orthodox services, or other chapel programs, call the chapel at Ext. 2500.

## AT THE MOVIES

All movies are shown at 7 p.m., unless otherwise noted, at the base theater.

**Today**  
“*The Count of Monte Cristo*” (PG-13, adventure violence, 131 min.)  
Starring: James Caviezel and Guy Pearce.

**Saturday**  
“*T h e M o t h m a n P r o p h e c i e s*” (PG-13, terror, some sexuality, 119 min.)  
Starring: Richard Gere and Laura Linney.

**March 22**  
“*Snow Dogs*” (PG, mild, crude humor, 99 min.)  
Starring: Cuba Gooding, Jr. and James Coburn.

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BLAZE 64

“*I Am Sam*” (PG-13, language, 132 min.)  
Starring: Sean Penn and Michelle Pfeiffer.  
BLAZE 64 offers announcements for people living in base housing or the dormitories.  
Call Staff Sgt. Kyle Ford for more information at Ext. 7073.

## FAMILY SUPPORT



(Editor’s note: All activities are offered at the family support center unless otherwise specified. For more information, call Ext. 2790.)

**Auto seminar:** This seminar at 11 a.m. Tuesday offers tips on how to compare options of buying or leasing an automobile. Registration is required.

**Group luncheon:** A single parents brainstorming luncheon is at 11:30 a.m. Wednesday at the Columbus Club. Anyone interested is welcome to attend and offer ideas for upcoming events.

**Self-improvement briefing:** The center offers an assertiveness training class from 11 a.m. to noon or from 3:45 to 4:45 p.m. Wednesday. Call the center for reservations.

**Required briefing:** A required briefing for deploying people or people going on a remote tour is at 9 a.m. Thursday.

**Hearts Apart:** A pizza party for families of deployed people is at 5:30 p.m. Thursday. Refreshments, games and prizes will be available.

**New or expecting parents:** The bundles of joy program is offered at 2 p.m. March 25. This program features

information for active-duty people or spouses who are pregnant and people with children ages 4 months and younger.

**Sponsor training:** Training on becoming a better sponsor is at 9 a.m. March 26.

## LIFE SKILLS SUPPORT



**Deployed assistance:** Families of deployed people are encouraged to call the family support center to find out what services they have to offer.

(Editor’s note: All activities offered are at the family advocacy office located on the second floor of the 14th Medical Group unless otherwise specified. For

more information, call Ext. 2239.)

**Special needs:** The Exceptional Family Member Program is designed to ensure service availability for active-duty family members with special needs. The need must be identified at the current duty station or

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before a permanent change of station. The program assists families with relocation when a medical condition exists, helping them find resources on base and in the local community.

**Spouses social:** The officers spouses club offers a social at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday at the Columbus Club.

The social features Columbus and the Pilgrimage. The menu includes chef’s salad for \$8 or stuffed chicken breast with roasted new potatoes for \$12. Non-Columbus Club members must pay a \$3 surcharge. Call Kim Jenkins at 434-8444.

**Honoring women:** In honor of Women’s History Month, the multicultural committee is offering a “Brown Bag Cinema” at 11 a.m. Thursday at the family support center. The featured movie is “The American Woman: Portraits of Courage.” Call Ext. 7004.

**Commander’s call:** The quarterly wing commander’s calls are at 8:30 and 10:30 a.m. and 3 p.m. March 29 at the theater. Call Ext. 2611.

**Employee scholarships:** The Federal Employees Education and Assistance Fund is accepting applications through March 29 for scholarships available to federal employees and families of military people. The scholarships, which range from \$300 to \$1,500, are granted to applicants with at least a 3.0 grade point average who are enrolled or plan to enroll in an accredited post secondary school in a course of study that will lead to a two-year, four-year or graduate degree. Call Ext. 2563.

**No medals:** The Department of Defense has decided not to create a Cold War Medal. People should be advised that the Cold War Medal being advertised and sold on the internet and at some military clothing sales stores is not authorized for wear on the military uniform. Call Ext. 2588.

**Foreign student sponsor:** The International Military Student Office of

Columbus AFB is

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seeking people to sponsor foreign officers attending pilot training under the Security Assistance Training Program.

SATP was established to improve international relations and promote understanding of the U.S. way of life. Call Ext. 2750.

**Holiday run:** A 5K and one-mile St. Patrick’s Day fun run begins at 9 a.m. Saturday at Lake Lowndes State Park. Registration begins at 8 a.m. and is \$12. Call 328-2110.

**Women’s show:** The 12th Annual Southern Women’s Show is from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. March 22 and 23 and from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. March 24 at the Memphis Cook Convention Center. This is a cooking event. Call (800) 849-0248, Ext. 134.

**Women’s workshop:** A women’s managerial development workshop is from 8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. March 27 in the Hogarth Student Center Auditorium of the Mississippi University for Women. Cost includes lunch and is \$10 for students or \$25 for professionals. Call 434-2716.

**Gospel concert:** The Tenn-Tom Chapter of the American Red Cross is sponsoring a gospel concert at 7:30 p.m. March 29 at the Trotter Convention Center in Columbus.

The concert features the McAdams Quartet, the Chuck Wagon Gang and Ronnie Page. Admission is free for ages 11 and younger, or \$10 for ages 12 and older. Call 329-1717.

**Easter events:** An Easter sunrise service is at 6:30 a.m. March 30 at Lake Lowndes State Park.

There will also be an Easter egg hunt at 2 p.m. for ages up to 12 years. These are free and open to the public. Call 328-2110.

**Free shade:** The Arbor Day Foundation is giving free white flowering dogwood trees to each person who joins the foundation during March.

The trees will be shipped at the right time for planting, between now and May 31, with enclosed planting instructions. People will also receive a subscription to Arbor Day, the foundation’s monthly publication, and The Tree Book with information about tree planting and care.

People interested in joining the foundation and receiving the trees can send a



# Nutrition information offered at wellness center

**Airman Kimberli Gross**  
14th Support Group fitness specialist

The health and wellness center offers two briefings every Wednesday and Friday this month in honor of National Nutrition Month.

An Herbal and Dietary Supplements briefing is at noon and a Performance Nutrition briefing is at 1 p.m.

The Herbal and Dietary Supplements

briefing consists of a general informative overview of supplements.

“Just because herbal supplements are all natural does not mean that they’re all safe,” said Capt. Tom Wilkins, health promotion manager. “Several health concerns should be considered prior to pulling one off the shelf and using it.”

The second briefing, Performance Nutrition, is given by Staff Sgt. Dan Boyer. Although it is geared more for the athletic

individual, he encourages anyone to attend. During the session, a short two-part video series is shown — Performance Power and Building a Performance Diet. These videos focus on the proper way to incorporate diet habits into a workout.

A free workbook is supplied at each briefing to help participants continue with diet plans after the class session is over. The briefings combined teach people how to get the most out of a workout. The

videos and weekly sessions help a person maintain a healthy diet, which is 60 percent of weight loss.

“I get a lot of complaints about people not seeing progress in their workouts,” Boyer said. “They don’t realize that working out alone isn’t good enough. A good and healthy diet must be maintained. These briefings teach how to maximize potential in the cardio and weight rooms.”

Call Ext. 2477.

## SHORTS

### Mommies Fun Run/Walk

A fun run starts at 11 a.m. today at the fitness and sports center. Mothers with small children are encouraged to come out and walk with their strollers.

People can look for the 4-leaf clovers to win a prize. Call Ext. 2772.

### Bowling tournament

A youth pro-am bowling tournament is scheduled for 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. Saturday and Sunday and March 23 and 24. Entry is \$10 per two-person team.

During the pro-am, open bowling will be limited depending on the number of entries in this tournament. Call Ext. 2426.

### Spring soccer opening ceremonies

The spring soccer season opens at 6 p.m. Thursday at

the youth soccer fields. Special thanks to our sponsors. Call Ext. 2504.

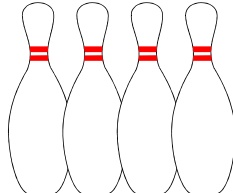

### President’s physical fitness program

The President’s Council is encouraging all service-members, civilian employees, retirees, contractors and family members to earn a Presidential Sports Award.

The award can be earned in four months by anyone age 6 and older. After completing the requirements for a chosen activity, the participant submits a fitness log and a \$5 fee to the council.

The award itself consists of an emblem or patch and a certificate signed by the President. If family members participate together they will receive an additional Family Fitness strip.

For more information, visit the council’s Website at [www.aausports.org](http://www.aausports.org) or call Ext. 2772.



### Bowling standings

The following are the intramural bowling standings current as of Wednesday. For more information, call Jim Campbell at Ext. 2426.

Team	Wins	Losses
Stroken	146	30
14th SFSI	103	73
14th SVS	102	74
Retirees	99	77
14th MSS	98	78
Team 7	60	116
14th SVS2	60	116

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